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SUBJECT: PANAMA NONCOMMITTAL ON NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT
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REF: A. STATE 83216

[1](#)B. STATE 083902

Classified By: DCM Luis Arreaga, Reasons 1.4 b and d

[1](#)1. (U) Post conveyed talking points (reftels A and B) to Panamanian MFA International Organizations Director Javier Bonagas May 25. Bonagas was noncommittal on both subjects but agreed to pass on the U.S. position to FM Samuel Lewis Navarro.

[1](#)2. (S) Bonagas said he realized the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) had lost relevance over time but that Panama would remain a member. He was aware that the NAM planned to consider a short document on Iran at the ministerial, but gave no indication how Panama would vote (reftel A). However, Bonagas wanted to pass on the message to the USG that it was very difficult to ask countries like Iran for concessions when the asking countries had made none. He did not mention the United States specifically, but asked Pol Officer to relate the need for &balanced concessions8 to the USG.

[1](#)3. (U) Bonagas did not reveal how Panama would vote on UN reforms, but said the NAM had put together a 70 page document on reform to discuss at the ministerial (reftel B). According to Bonagas, the document was a &radical8 and incohesive mix of proposals from various countries. Bonagas said Panama planned to support Chile,s amendments to the document but did not specify what those entailed.

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